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1. The Bulgarian Army has been on large-scale summer maneuvers during June and July 1950. Paratroopers engaged in exercises at Kurdjali during July.
2. On 17 July a train of about fifty rail cars loaded with 30 anti-aircraft guns and a number of vehicles and troops moved out of Shumen. Allegedly this train was destined for points along the Yugoslav border. On 5 July a train loaded with troops and artillery passed through Kurdjali and was reportedly destined for Monchilgrad. Heavy tanks were transferred by rail from Sofia and Plovdiv to Svilengrad in late May. On 6 July six tanks passed through Svilengrad headed for Lefka.
3. The movement of the following army units has been reported:
 - a. The 12 Infantry Regiment of 8 Division moved from Harmanli to Mezsek.
 - b. The 30 Infantry Regiment of 3 Division moved from Simeonovgrad to Ilailovgrad.
4. It is alleged that new army units have arrived at Dervishka Mogila and other points along the Turkish border.
5. The headquarters for 3 Army, headed by General Slavcho Trunski and advised by a Soviet general, is reportedly located at Shumen. The 7 Infantry Regiment, 3 Communications Regiment, and 3 Mechanized Regiment are located in this city. These units are all 3 Army units.
6. The headquarters for 25 Infantry Regiment is at Gara Pirin. The 18 Infantry Regiment is at Turnovo and one anti-aircraft artillery battery is located at Gorna Orehovitsa. The 9 and 21 Recruiting Offices are located at Plovdiv.
7. Since the first part of June the Bulgarian Army has been mobilizing reserve officers through individual calls. A general enrollment of draft animals and vehicles was begun in June. Reservists living in Haskovo have been individually called to the offices of the Popular Council where they received orders as to where they should report in case of mobilization. It is rumored that the Soviet Union has suggested to Bulgaria that the Government should increase its army to a strength of 300,000 men.

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8. There are 300 reserve officers attending the newly opened Reserve Officers School at Shumen.
9. On the Arda River, one kilometer southwest of Kurdjali, there is a bridge which is being guarded at all times.

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